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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL AND NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE RECHARGEABLE  
BATTERY USING THE SAME, the specification of which

(check one) \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
United States Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PCT International Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Claimed	
<u>JP2003-099523</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>2 April, 2003</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>X</u> Yes	____ No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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